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ATTORNEY DOCKET NO.: 040894-5955

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:)
Raita DOI) Confirmation No.: 8035
Application No.: 10/661,537) Group Art Unit: 3721
Filed: September 15, 2003) Examiner: Tawfik, S.
For: SHEET FOLDING APPARATUS, SHEET) Mail Stop RCE
PROCESSING APPARATUS AND)
IMAGE FORMING APPARATUS)

Commissioner for Patents
Customer Window, **Mail Stop RCE**
Randolph Building
401 Dulany Street
Alexandria, VA 22314

Sir:

REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE) TRANSMITTAL

This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 of the above-identified application.

1. Submission required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114

- Previously submitted:
 Please consider the amendment(s)/reply under 37 C.F.R. § 1.116 previously filed on _____ (Any unentered amendment(s) referred to above will be entered).
 Please consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply Brief previously filed on _____.
 Other: _____
- Enclosed:
 Supplemental Reply 01 FC:1801 790.00 DA
 Affidavit(s)/Declaration(s) 02 FC:1201 400.00 DA
 Information Disclosure Statement 03 FC:1202 100.00 DA
 Form 1449 04 FC:1251 120.00 DA
 Other: Preliminary Amendment with RCE under 37 C.F.R. §1.114
- 04/13/2005 SZEWIDIE1 00000101 500310 10661537

2. Miscellaneous

- Suspension of action on the above-identified application is requested under 37 C.F.R. § 1.103(c) for a period of _____ months. (Period of suspension shall not exceed 3 months; Fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(i) required)
- Other: _____.

3. Fees Calculation

- (a) RCE Fee required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(e)

\$790.00
 \$395.00 (for small entity)

- (b) Extension of Time

Applicants believe that no extension of time is required. However, this conditional petition is being made to provide for the possibility that Applicants have inadvertently overlooked the need for a petition and fee for extension of time.

Applicant petitions for an extension of time, the fees for which are set out in 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(a), for the total number of months checked below.

Total Months Requested	Fee for Extension	Fee for Small Entity
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> one month	\$ 120.00	\$ 60.00
<input type="checkbox"/> two months	\$ 450.00	\$225.00
<input type="checkbox"/> three months	\$1,020.00	\$510.00
<input type="checkbox"/> four months	\$1,590.00	\$795.00
<input type="checkbox"/> five months	\$2,160.00	\$1,080.00

The extension of time fee for this request: \$120.00

If an additional extension of time is required, please consider this a Petition therefor.

Fee Calculation (37 C.F.R. §1.16)

CLAIMS AS AMENDED						
	Claims Remaining After Amendment		Highest No. Previously Paid	Present Extra	at Rate of	Total Fees
Total Claims (37 C.F.R. §1.16(c))	35	minus	33	2	x \$50 each=	+ \$100.00
Independent Claims (37 C.F.R. §1.16(b))	10	minus	8	2	x \$200 each=	+ \$400.00
[] First presentation of Multiple dependent claim(s)					\$280.00	+ \$0.00
SUB-TOTAL =						\$500.00
Reduction by ½ for filing by a small entity						- \$0.00
TOTAL FEE =						\$500.00

4. Fee Payment

- Enclosed is a check in the amount of \$_____.
- The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge the Deposit Account No. 50-0310 in the amount of \$1,410.00 (representing (\$790.00 for the RCE filing fee, \$120.00 for the one-month extension of time fee and \$500.00 for the additional claims fee).

EXCEPT for issue fees payable under 37 C.F.R. § 1.18, the Commissioner is hereby authorized by this paper to charge any additional fees during the entire pendency of this application including fees due under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16 and 1.17 which may be required, including any required extension of time fees, or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account 50-0310. This paragraph is intended to be a CONSTRUCTIVE PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME in accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a)(3).

Respectfully submitted,

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Dated: April 12, 2005

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT FILED WITH RCE UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.114

In response to the Advisory Action dated March 16, 2005 and the Final Office Action dated December 13, 2004, the period for response to which extends through April 13, 2005 by a Petition for a one-month extension of time fee, and currently filed herein with a Request for Continued Examination and prior to a Amendment and Request for Reconsideration, please amend the above-identified application as follows: